Additive Manufacturing In Space
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Company Overview

- Founded in 2010
- HQ at NASA Ames Research Park.
- 24 employees/advisors
- Expert team in both space systems and advanced manufacturing
- Vision Extends Beyond ISS Operations

- Large Internal R&D focus.
- Extensive IP
- Over 100 years of total space mission experience
- Only Space Manufacturers
 - >Core Team has 30.5 days total





- Logistics of Space Travel
 Currently is Slow and expensive.
- Everything that has Gone or is Going to Space has been Overdesigned
 - Primarily for Launch
 - <10 Minutes of Mission
- Also Must Fit in Launch Fairing or Capsule
- Requires Large Testing Plan
- Inefficient Overall
- Plays Huge Roll in Colonization













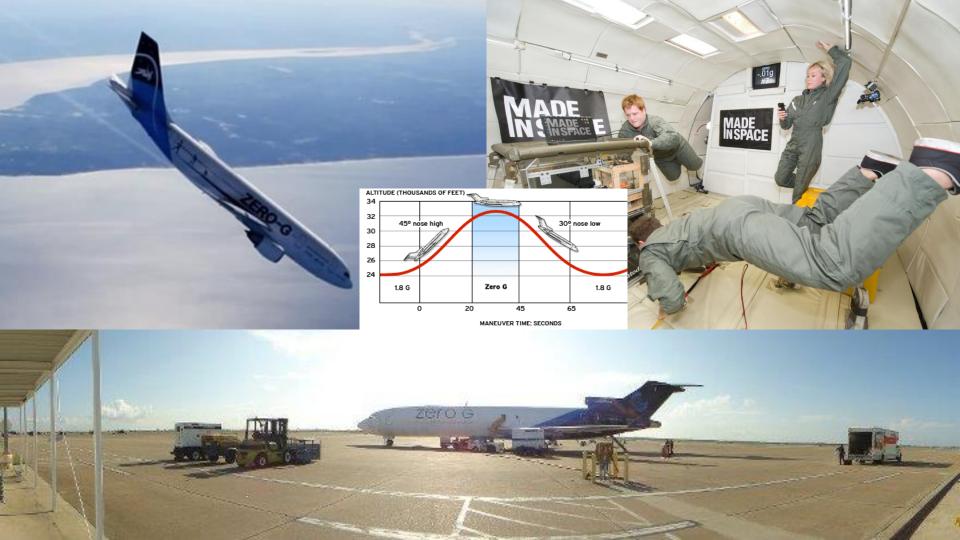








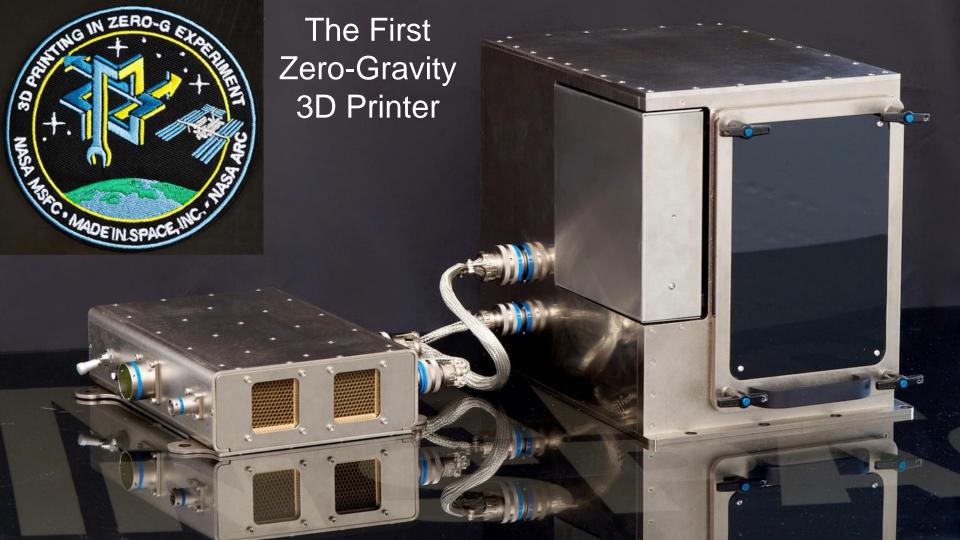




Timeline

- December 2011- Awarded Phase I SBIR for Additive Manufacturing Facility
 -Developed AMF Concept Further
- February 2013- Awarded Phase II SBIR for Additive Manufacturing Facility
- February 2013- Awarded Phase III Contract for 3D Printing in Zero G Tech Demo
- March 2014- Delivery of Hardware
- Summer 2014- Launch
- November 24, 2014- First Off-Earth Print
- Fall 2015- Additive Manufacturing Facility Launch
- Shortly After- Open for On-Orbit Business



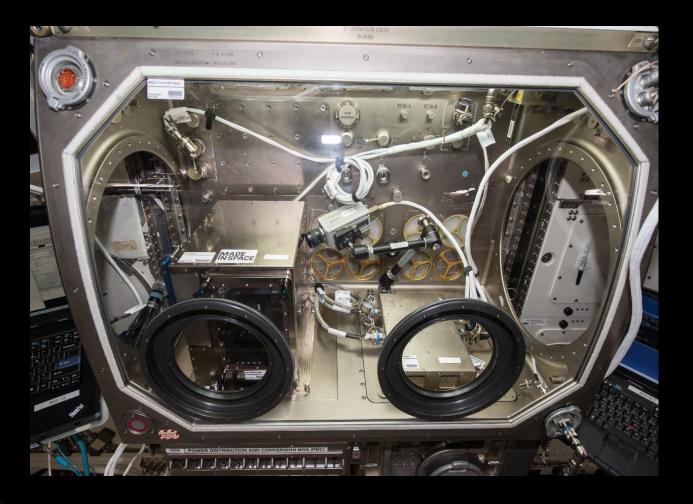














3D PRINTING IN **ZERO-GRAVITY TECHNOLOGY** DEMONSTRATION

AREAS OF DISCOVERY

MICROGRAVITY

MATERIALS

FUNCTIONAL TOOLS



PART NAME: Functional Checkput & Calibration Coupon
DINAMENSIONS (INCHES): 1.18 X. 1.18 Y. 0.16 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

Used to test calibration of relationship between xtruder and print plate.

11/17/14, 11/20/14, 12/2/14, 12/6/14, 12/8/14

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ayer Quality Test DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 0.39 X. 0.39 Y. 1.18 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

lsed to assess the layer uality and tolerances for mparison to ground PRINT DATE

12/2/14

COMPRESSION



DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 0.50 Diameter, 1.00 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

Used to assess compres-sive strength for compari-son to ground controls. PRINT DATES:

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TEST

PART NAME:

DESCRIPTION:

Test Specimen DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 3.47 X, 0.39 V, 0.16 Z

PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

Used to assess stiffness

PRINT DATES:

to ground controls.

roperties for comparison

HOLE RESOLUTION



2.95 X. 0.79 V. 0.17 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

DESCRIPTION: Used to test geometric accuracy and tolerances for comparison to ground

PRINT DATE: 12/6/16

FEATURE RESOLUTION



PHOTO

Performance Positive Range Test Specimen
DIMMENSIONS (INCHES):

02.41 X. 0.79 Y. 0.20 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

DESCRIPTION: Used to test geometric accuracy and tolerances for comparison to ground PRINT DATE:

Example of a two-piece water-tight sample con-tainer providing 1 level of 2/8/14

DESCRIPTION:

DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): Diameter 1.81 - 1.57, 1.29 Z

PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

SAMPLE CONTAINER



OVERHANG

TEST

PHOTO



ticrogravity Structure

Test Specimen DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 0.97 X, 0.87 Y, 0.20 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

This is a test of a part that would be difficult, if not npossible, to successfully 3D print due to gravita-PRINT DATE: 12/9/14

RATCHET

TIMELINE (not to scale)

NOV. 17, 2014 The Zero-Gravity

Printer was unpacked from its launch packaging and installed into the Microgravity Science Glovebox.

SEPT. 21, 2014 The Zero-Gravity Printer launched to the International Space Station as part of the SpaceX cargo resupply servicing mission 4 (CRS-4).

PRINTER FACEPLATE



Side Plate of 3D Printer Extruder Head Casing DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 2.32 X, 1.61 Y, 0.20 z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

DESCRIPTION: This is a replacement part for the 3D printer itself. It is a side plate of the extruder head casing. PRINT DATE:

TENSILE TEST



Deposition Pull Coupon DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 4.47 X, 0.24 - 0.75 Y, 0.16 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES): DESCRIPTION: Used to assess mechanical

characteristics for compari son to ground controls. 12/2/14, 12/6/14 (twice). 12/8/14

TORQUE TEST





Torque Tool Coupon DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 1.18 Diameter, 0.984 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

DESCRIPTION: Used to test torque strength for comparison to ground controls. PRINT DATE: 12/4/14

CROWFOOT

12/5/14



Crowfoot coupon
DIMMENSIONS (INCHES): 1.85 X, 1.57 Y, 0.512 Z PRINT DURATION (MINUTES):

DESCRIPTION: Used to test structural strength for comparison to ground controls. PRINT DATE 12/4/14

CUBESAT CLIP



Structural clip DIMMENSIONS (INCHES):

PRINT DATE:

PRINT DURATION (MINUTES): PRINT DURATION (MINUTES): This part was the only part

This is a structural connot pre-loaded on the nector/spacer that can be printer. It shows how a part can be designed and utilized to assemble avion cs/electronics boards anufactured in space on

PRINT DATE 12/15/14

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PART NAME:

DIMMENSIONS (INCHES)



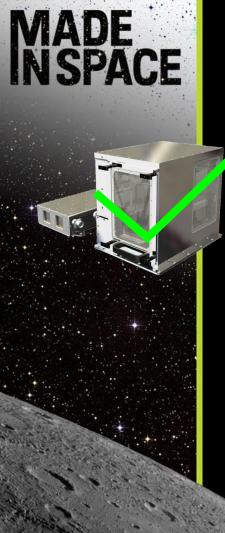












Made in Space has the proven ability to deliver powerful solutions for NASA.

5 Main Technological Problems:

- 1. Toxic Gasses
- 2. Fluctuating Forces
- 3. Unreliable Prints
- 4. Complex Interface
- 5. Safety Requirements

Environmental Control Unit Gravity Independence Mission Critical Engineering Remote Operations Design Strict NASA Requirements



Additive Manufacturing Facility (AMF)

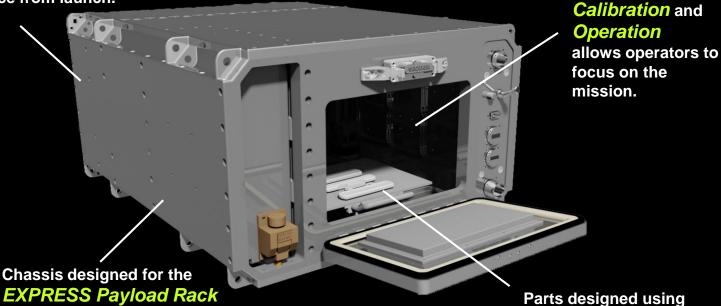
The Permanent Space 3D Printer

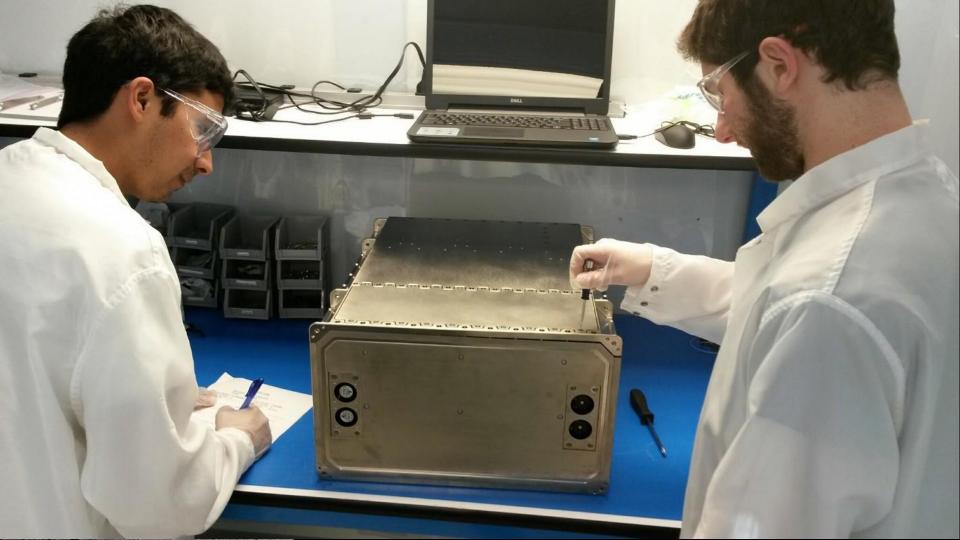
Remote

Generative Design

Software









Thank You

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